

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMENCLATURE.

Your Committee desires to report that since its appointment, four matters have been presented for its consideration. Of these, one was the consideration of a particular case and was soon settled. The second is still under consideration; the third it has not as yet been able to take up, and the conclusions which the Committee have reached upon the fourth case are herewith presented.

The nomenclature of gall insects was referred to the Committee as the result of a paper by Dr. E. P. Felt presented at the last meeting. The Committee is not unanimous on all points, but considers it desirable to present the following:

Report on the Nomenclature of Gall Insects.

In the literature relating to galls and gall insects, there are found several different kinds of description, accompanied by names.

(1) Those relating to the galls only, with names intended to apply to the galls, not to their inhabitants.

(2) Those relating to the galls only, but with specific names referred to particular insect genera, and intended to apply to the gall insects themselves, these being known at the time only from their work.

(3) Those relating to the galls and the contained larvae, with names proposed to be applied to the insects.

(4) Those relating to the galls and the adult insects bred therefrom, and sometimes also to the larvae, with names proposed for the insects in the usual manner.

(5) Those relating to the adult insects, the galls being unknown, with names as usual.

I. It is agreed that in cases falling under No. 1, the names proposed do not enter Zoological Nomenclature. It is also obvious that in cases 4 and 5, the names are correctly proposed, and available for use if otherwise in accordance with the International Rules.

II. It is the opinion of the Committee that specific names based on larvae (case 3) are available, and may be used.

III. With regard to the description of the gall, it is recognized that it forms a valuable part of the diagnosis of any gall insect, and that without it the recognition of the species may be difficult or practically impossible, especially when the description is not very detailed or precise. The Committee is willing to accept a name based on the description of an adult or larva plus

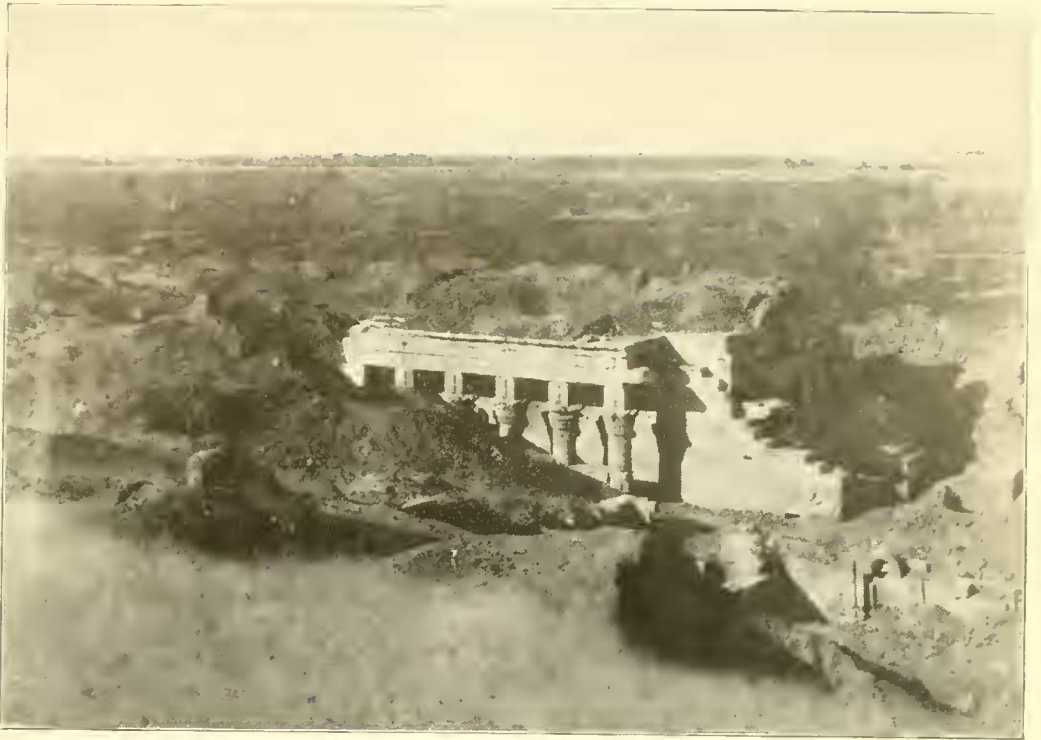


Fig. 1. Temple of Dendera.

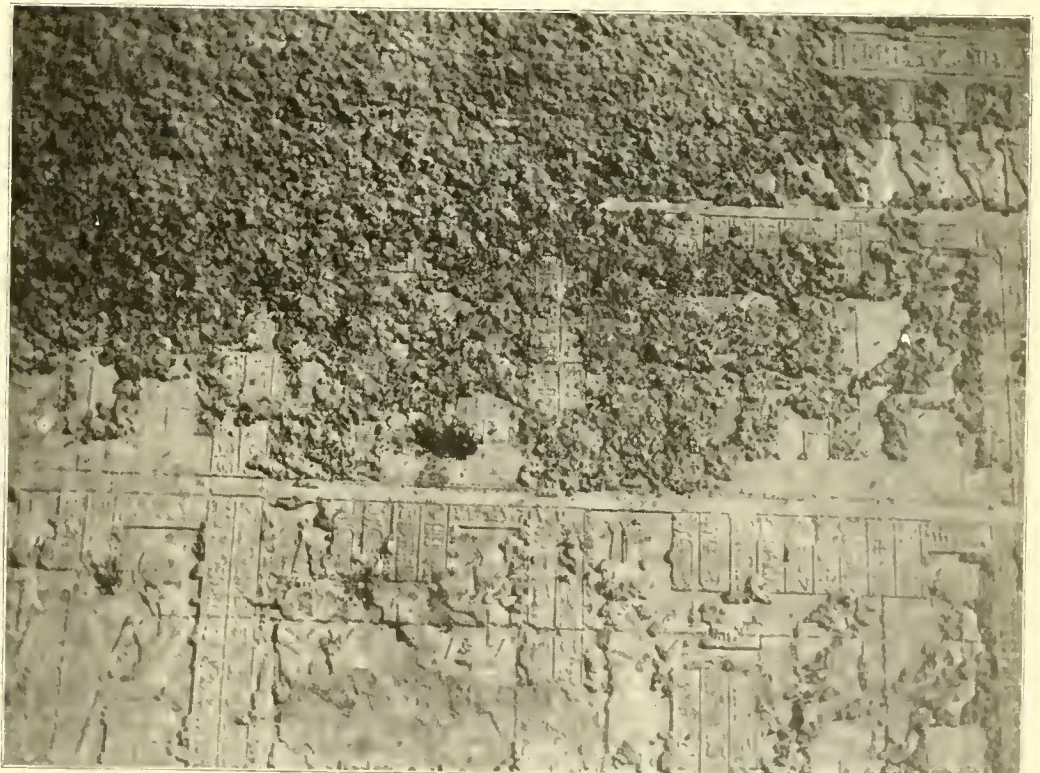


Fig. 2. Nests of the wall-bee.